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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of communicating face-to-face using two display units, the display unit of a second wearer being worn on his or her person in a manner visible to a first wearer, comprising:

passing a first packet of information electronically from the display unit of the first wearer to the display unit of the second wearer, the information including data pertaining to a first set of relationships characterizing a [[the]] social network of the first wearer; and

displaying text information on the display unit of the second wearer that is based upon a comparison information about commonalities between the first set packet of relationships information and a second set of relationships described in data of a second packet of information contained within the display unit of the second wearer, the second set packet of information containing relationships characterizing a social network of information pertaining to the second wearer, whereby the displayed text information on the display unit of the second wearer is visible to the first wearer, the text information expressing the information about the commonalities between the social networks of the two wearers.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the displaying information step being carried out in response to the receipt by the display unit of the second wearer of the first packet of information.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by each display unit being worn on the person of the wearer in a manner to be visible to the wearer of the other display unit.

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4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the step by the first wearer taking an action based upon the displayed information on the display unit of the second wearer.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 further characterized by the action using at least a portion of the second packet of information.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further characterized by the action being an attempt to find a person.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the second packet of information being information related to people who have a historical relationship with the second wearer.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the second packet of information being information related to a third person who is not people who have a historical relationship with the first or second wearer and people whom the second wearer has recently met face-to-face.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the second packet of information being information being time-related.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the second packet of information being information related to a [[third]] person with whom the second wearer has a historical relationship ~~who is not the first or second wearer~~ and being time-related.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further characterized by the second packet of information being information related to a time that has elapsed since the wearer of the second display unit has communicated with a third person who is not the first or second wearer.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the second packet of information being information related to the location of a third person who is not the first or second wearer.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by one of the first and second packets of information being information related to others with whom the wearer of the first or second display units, respectively, has electronically communicated with.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by both the first and second packets of information being information related to others with whom the wearer of the first or second display units, respectively, has electronically communicated with.
18. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by one of the first and second packets of information being information related to the number of others with whom the wearer of the second or first display units, respectively, has electronically communicated with.
19. (Original) The method of claim 1 further characterized by both the first and second packets of information being information related to the number of others with whom the wearer of the first or second display units, respectively, has electronically communicated with.
20. (Currently amended) A method of communicating face-to-face, at gatherings between wearers of respective electronic display units, each display unit having a text display and two-way electronic communication capability, the display unit of a second wearer being worn on his or her person in a manner visible to a first wearer, comprising:

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passing a first packet of information containing relationship information pertaining to the wearer of the display unit to the display unit of the second wearer, ~~the first packet of relationship information including personal information about the wearer that includes information relating to~~ identifications of people known to the first wearer; and

displaying text information on the display unit of the second wearer that is based upon information about commonalities between the relationship information of the first wearer contained in the first packet of information, and a second packet of information contained within the display unit of the second wearer that contains relationship information relating to including identifications of people known to the second wearer, whereby the displayed text information on the display unit of the second wearer is visible to the first wearer and displays information relating to people known in common by the two wearers.

21. (Currently amended) A wearable electronic display unit to be worn by a first person, comprising:

a display capable of displaying text and graphics in a first display mode adapted for viewing at a distance by a second person, and in a second display mode adapted for being read close up by the first person, the display having access to information relating to a first set of relationships characterizing the first person's social network; and

an information transmitting and receiving interface located on the display so that, when the interface faces in a direction of a short-range substantially unidirectional communication, electronic communication is possible between displays worn by the first and second persons, the display having the capability to (1) receive information relating to ~~another~~ a second set of relationships characterizing the second person's social network, (2) analyze the received information and the information ~~[[about]]~~ relating to the first set of relationships first person's social network, and (3) display information based on information about commonalities between the first and second sets of relationships the analysis.

22. (Previously presented) The wearable electronic display unit of claim 21 wherein the short-range substantially unidirectional communication is carried on a channel that transmits and receives an infrared beam.

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23. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 further including a sensor that detects an orientation of the display relative to vertical and provides an electronic signal to indicate the orientation.

24. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 wherein, when the display is operating in the first mode, the text has one orientation relative to vertical, and when the display is operating in the second mode, the text has a different orientation relative to vertical.

25. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 wherein, when the display is operating in the first mode, the text is larger than when the display is operating in the second mode.

26. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 wherein, when the display is operating in the second mode, the text is oriented in one orientation relative to vertical, and when the display is operating in the first mode, and the text is larger than the text is in the second mode, the text is oriented in the different orientation.

27. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 further including a sensor that detects whether the display is oriented substantially in one orientation relative to vertical, or substantially in another vertical orientation relative to vertical, and provides an electronic signal to indicate the orientation whereby, in response to the signal from the sensor indicating that the display is oriented substantially in the one orientation, the display displays text and graphics in the first mode, and in response to a signal from the sensor that the display is oriented in the opposite orientation, the display displays text and graphics in the second mode.

28. (New) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the additional step of adding to the first set of relationships information relating to the second wearer.

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29. (New) The method of claim 1 in which the data describing the first and second sets of relationships is passively generated by the display units without direct user input.

30. (New) The method of claim 1 in which the information about commonalities comprises relationships shared on common by the first set and the second set.